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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application of: )  
U.S. Patent No.: 5,792,261 )  
Inventor: Kiichi HAMA et al. ) Confirmation No. 1598  
Issued: August 11, 1998 ) Group Art Unit: 1763  
Serial No.: 09/478,370 ) Examiner: L. Alejandro Mulero  
Filed: February 16, 2000 )  
For: PLASMA PROCESS )  
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Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.175

We, KIICHI HAMA, JIRO HATA, and TOSHIAKI HONGOH hereby declare that:

1. Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below under our respective names.
2. We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter that is claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,792,261.
3. Each of us made a contribution, individually or jointly, to the subject matter of at least one claim of this reissue application.

4. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by all previously presented amendments.

5. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this reissue application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

6. The issue date of U.S. Patent No. 5,792,261, is less than two years prior to the filing date of this reissue application.

7. We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international applications designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international applications designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by us on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the applications of which priority is claimed.

Country (if PCT indicate PCT)	Application Number	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. § 119
Japan	5-343871	December 17, 1993	[x] Yes [ ] No
Japan	6-076717	March 23, 1994	[x] Yes [ ] No
Japan	6-076727	March 23, 1994	[x] Yes [ ] No

8. We believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than the patentee had the right to claim in the patent.

9. The following is at least one error on which we rely to support the reissue application (*i.e.*, the basis for the reissue): claim 1 of the issued patent does not recite a seat arranged on a window plate and supporting a coil, wherein a passage through which coolant is circulated is formed on the seat. The absence of this feature results in the patent claiming more than we had the right to claim, rendering the patent partly inoperative because the claim might read on the prior art.

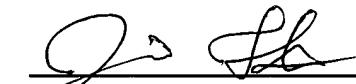
10. All errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing the present Declaration arose without any deceptive intention on our part.

11. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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